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FAMILY, FRIENDS, & FAITH



A LifeWay sponsored conference with some of the finest age group leaders in the United States.

For: Pastors, Associate Pastors, Small Group and Sunday School Directors, Young and Median Adult leaders, Older Adult Leaders, and Student Leaders (Teachers), Children and Preschool.

One-day training teachers can put to use the very next day.

Swift Creek Baptist Church, Midlothian, VA
 September 23, 2017 (Saturday)
 8:30 am – 3:00 pm
 No Charge, Free lunch provided

Only 14 seats remain for JMBC. See Sue Wynn, Phillip Reinke or Raleigh Baggett to sign up. We will be taking the church van – you will NOT have to drive your car. The van will leave JMBC at 6:00 am.

Think about it. Pray about it.

This should be a great time of fun, fellowship and outstanding training.

Dear Church Family,

I want to thank you for your prayers, your support, phone calls, visits and cards that seemed to come when I needed them most during my recent surgeries, rehab and recovery.

Thank you from a thankful heart.

Your sister in Christ,

Delores Sealey

To God Be the Glory!



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Sunday Services

9:00 a.m. Life Groups
 (Bible Study)

10:30 a.m. Worship
 Kids Worship

“Add to your faith . . . Knowledge”

Back-to-school season impacts all of us in some manner. Many among us have children or grandchildren heading back into the classroom, while others simply have to deal with the congested stores full of back-to-school shoppers or the added traffic caused by buses and school commuters. Back-to-school time has a very practical and obvious application for Christ-followers too. As I have pointed out many times, God cares about our minds and expects us to use them for His glory.

The prophet Hosea proclaimed in Hosea 4:6 “my people are destroyed from lack of knowledge,” and the Lord Jesus proclaimed we are to love God with all our “mind.” One obvious application of this is the importance of an academic zeal for things of the Lord. In other words, it should be our desire and joy to learn about things of God. Of course, this comes primarily through the systematic study of the Bible. However, it also should include a joy in learning from gifted and biblically sound authors.

A few months back I challenged all of you to read more, to pick up a biblically sound, soul-feeding book for summer reading. I told you about books I was reading and encouraged you to ask me for suggestions. I was excited when one of our members responded and actually “swapped” books with me. I believe that we both encouraged and edified one another.

Now I want to take this idea of “knowledge” in a different direction. We are commanded in 2 Peter 1 to add knowledge to our faith and goodness (2 Peter 1:5). However, the practical application of this verse goes beyond simply reading more good books and filling our minds with facts. While I am disappointed in the lack of response regarding books and reading and adding knowledge, I believe there is a more fundamental and foundational way to look at 2 Peter 1:5, and it is exemplified in the lives of Peter and John.

Acts 4 tells the story of Peter and John preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ and subsequently being arrested by the temple guard. Peter and John spent a night in jail, and were then questioned by the high priest and other temple leaders. The Bible states that Peter was filled with the Holy Spirit and continued boldly to proclaim the name of Jesus Christ in front of these rulers, elders and teachers of the law. Acts 4:13 is an astounding verse; “When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were *unschooled, ordinary* men, they were astonished, and they took note that these men had been with Jesus.” These men lacked formal education and training but were used mightily because they “had been with Jesus.” Have you been with Jesus much lately?

Peter, the one who commanded us to add knowledge, was himself an unschooled man! So, knowledge is not predicated upon education; biblical knowledge is not measured by IQ, SAT scores, GPA, degrees earned, books read, or theories mastered. This knowledge of which the Bible speaks comes first and foremost from being with Jesus.

Let us back up for a moment. As your pastor, I want you to read and challenge your mind and grow in your knowledge, but I realize that your time spent with Jesus is more important! More important than reading books is your time in prayer. More important than reading books is seeing Jesus in the pages of Scripture. More important than reading books is gathering with His people to worship and thinking constantly on Him. Yes! I want you to read, but let your reading of books about spiritual matters come from your love for the One with whom you spend a lot of time - Jesus.

Pastor Tommy

Thank you for all you do for our community! Your dedication to fill backpacks for our children and their families with much needed resources makes such a difference for so many. You are treasured by Southwestern. Thank you for all you do for our students and school. Your donations are very much appreciated. It does take a village to improve the community, and you all have.

Southwestern Elementary School



Thank you so much for all you do for the students at WBPS! We are so blessed to have such an amazing partner!

Western Branch Primary School

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WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall, led by Pastor Tommy

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNERS are starting again. Sign up with Betsy Gardner on Sunday mornings or call the church office (484-5568) **no later than noon** on Tuesdays. Cost is \$6.00 for adults, free for children 8 and younger.

Menu: Sept 20--Chic-Fil-A, cole slaw, chips, dessert
Sept 27--BBQ Chicken, baked beans, potato salad, rolls, dessert

SEPTEMBER OPEN and LOCK-UP TEAM: Chris Fuhrmann and Rae Baines

NEW MEMBERS: Robert & Marin Lincoln, August 6

YOUTH BIBLE STUDY

Awesome news! We will start a Sunday night Bible study on September 10 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. The subject will be Revelation. As part of the study, we will have a time of worship, led by students.

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

There will be a make-up day (by appointment only) on September 16. Colorcraft Studios may be contacted at 1-800-638-9107 ext 229. Don't forget to email your photos of church related activities to office@jacksonmemorial.org for committee review.

CELEBRATION SUNDAY

The 2nd Annual Celebration Sunday will be September 17, 2017 featuring Calvary's Hill Quartet during the Worship Service, followed by a covered dish lunch in the Fellowship Hall. Bring your favorite main dish, side dish, bread or dessert. *Invite your family, friends and neighbors!!*

PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS CLASS – October 1, 8, 15 & 22 in Rm A14, 9:00 am – 10:00 am (open to everyone) Led by Pastor Tommy.

OK LADIES, START PACKING YOUR BAGS for the Women's Retreat at the International Learning Center in Rockville, VA. Mark your calendar for Oct 13 – 14. The cost is \$60.00. Make checks payable to JMBC with memo note "Women's Retreat." PLEASE RESERVE YOUR ROOM BY WED, SEPT 20. A sign-up sheet is posted on the Next Generation bulletin board, or you may contact the church office at 484-5568 or Linda Massengill. Please indicate if you will need transportation. Come prepared to enjoy great friends, good food, fun and games, and to answer the question: **"IS GOD ENOUGH WHEN...?"**

OPERATION INASMUCH (OIAM) is a one day, hands-on ministry of the churches in the Portsmouth Baptist Association, putting hands and feet into action doing various mission projects to share the love of God with people in our community. **OIAM Missions Blitz Day is Saturday, Oct 7.** Volunteer registration forms are available in the church office, music hall, Fellowship Hall, the moving bulletin board and church website. Volunteers should select three service projects in which to participate, sign the liability waiver and return to the church office by September 10. Parents must sign forms for children under 18. JMBC is collecting items for "treats for troops," senior ministry and animal shelter needs, sewing, blanket and knitting projects on Blitz Day. See the OIAM list of recommended items. Collection boxes are located in the music hall and Fellowship Hall. JMBC will collect items for the "free-for-all" (yard sale) on Oct 1 – 4. Large items (furniture, appliances, etc.) may be taken to Calvary Baptist Church on Oct 5 – 6. Start saving your quarters to assist with laundry expenses on Missions Blitz Day. Questions? Please contact Linda Baines at 632-7807.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD (OCC) is coming up again in November, but we could begin collecting our "shoebox" items now. **PLEASE, NO TOOTHPASTE, LIQUIDS OR CANDY ITEMS.**



FALL DISCIPLESHIP CLASSES begin on Wednesday, September 13, 2017, 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm

- The Jewish Festivals – teacher: Dr. Joseph Caplan – Rm 108 (5 weeks)
- "Me, Myself and Lies" – teacher: Daina Larson – Rm 102-104 (7 weeks) Workbook \$12.00
- "Zechariah: What a Night!" – teacher: Joe Watson – Office Conference Rm A14 (9 weeks)
- "Share Jesus Without Fear" – teachers: Tommy Larson & Raleigh Baggett – Fellowship Hall (4 weeks) beginning **September 20, 2017**

WEEKS IN REVIEW

	Aug 6	Aug 13	Aug 20	Aug 27
LIFE GROUPS (Sunday Bible Study)				
Enrollment.....	368	369	366	363
Attendance	154	164	175	161
Visitor	8	4	7	7
New Enrollment.....	1	0	0	0
Total Attendance	162	168	182	168
WORSHIP				
Morning Services.....	195	194	176	214
Kid's Worship	22	21	21	13
Total Attendance	217	215	197	227

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

BUDGET				
Required Per Week	11,630.75	11,630.75	11,630.75	11,630.75
Received	11,544.50	8,596.91	6,625.00	6,404.11
Mid-Week Received	2,587.10	630.00	520.00	497.00
Online Received	2,130.00	1,124.00	515.00	544.00
Required to Date	372,184.00	383,814.75	395,445.50	407,076.25
Received to Date	347,541.11	357,842.02	365,502.02	372,947.13
BUILDING FUND				
Phase 2 (New Sanctuary)	100.00			100.00
MISSIONS				
East Asia	100.00			
JMBC Missions.....	60.00		55.00	100.00
PBA	20.00			
OTHER				
Backpack	25.00		50.00	
Benevolent	20.00			
Deacon Fund.....		30.00		
Fund the Foyer.....			25.00	
Women's Retreat.....				60.00

MEETINGS / SPECIAL EVENTS

MONDAYS	9:30 am	Nifty Knitters (Room 110)
TUESDAYS	10:00 am	Staff Meeting (Conference Room B)
WEDNESDAYS	6:30 pm	Adult Bible Study (Fellowship Hall) Mission Friends (Preschool Hall) Children in Action (Room 222) Youth Bible Study (Youth Wing) Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
	7:30 pm	
THURSDAYS	6:00 pm	Girl Scouts (Fellowship Hall/Overflow Rm)
SUNDAYS	9:00 am	Life Groups (Bible Study)
	10:30 am	Worship Kids Worship (K-Grade 5, Rm 222)
3 SUN		Promotion Sunday
4 MON		Labor Day (Church Office Closed)
5 TUES	7:00 pm	Deacon Meeting (Rm 102)
7 THURS	6:00 am	Feeding of the Homeless
	10:30 am	Carol Knight Group (Overflow Rm)
	6:30 pm	Church Council/Budget Committee Meeting (Choir Room)
11 MON	6:30 pm	Personnel Committee Mtg (Conf Rm A)
	6:30 pm	Budget Committee Mtg (Conf Rm B)
12 TUES	1:00 pm	Constitution & By-Laws Committee Mtg (Conf Rm)
13 WED	6:30 pm	Three Fall Discipleship Classes begin (See above)
16 SAT	10:00 am	Pictorial Directory Make-Up (appt only)
	10:00 am	WMU Sewing Project (Rm 102-104)
17 SUN		2nd ANNUAL CELEBRATION SUNDAY
18 MON	7:00 pm	WMU Barbara Deal Group Mtg
20 WED	6:30 pm	Share Jesus Without Fear begins (Fellowship Hall)
21 THURS	6:30 pm	Savvy Savers (Rm 110)
23 SAT	6:00 am	Van leaves JMBC for TRANSFORM
	3:00 pm	Merrill White class covered dish dinner (Fellowship Hall)